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Art Unit: 1756

For: **SILVER REACTIVE METAL ALLOYS
AND OPTICAL DATA STORAGE AND
RECORDABLE STORAGE MEDIA
CONTAINING SAME**

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U.S. Patent No. 4,450,553, "Multilayer Information Disc," issued May 22, 1984, discloses at Column 7, lines 59-68 that a partially reflective layer may be made of silver, and that its reflection and adsorption properties depend on the layer's thickness, incorporating a reference to Bond, *Notes on Solution of Problems in Odd Job Vapor Coating*, Journal of the Optical Society of America, Volume 44, No. 6, June 1954, pages 429-438. Bond discloses in Figs. 12, 14, and 16 and 19, pages 434-5, the light transmissive or semi-reflective properties of thin layers, in thickness ranging from between about 5 nanometers to about 25 nanometers, of silver, copper, and titanium among other metals.

U.S. Patent No. 5,853,872, "Magneto-Optical Recording Medium," issued December 29, 1998, discloses at Column 9, lines 12-14 a reflective layer of 20 to 150 nm, and Column 9, line 47 to Column 10, line 18, with the reflective layer being a silver alloy preferably having 90 to

99.5 atom% silver with optimal concentrations of 1.1 to 7.5 atom% manganese and 0.4 to 7.0 atom% titanium.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 02-192046, "Magneto-Optical Recording Medium," published July 27, 1990, which describes a magneto-optical recording medium with a reflective layer that includes silver and manganese, with the manganese content as low as 1 or 2 atomic% in relation to the silver content and a layer thickness as little as 20 nanometers.

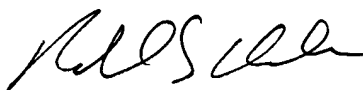
Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-212915, "Optical Recording Medium," published August 15, 1997, discloses in paragraphs numbered 0013-0019 that a 70-300 nanometer silver reflecting layer may be deposited on the recording layer by sputtering and may include, among other elements, copper, manganese and titanium to an extent not impairing its function. The publication further discloses in paragraph numbered 0018 that silver layers less than 70 nanometers will permit light to pass through and reflectivity to decline.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-011799, "Optical Recording Medium", published January 16, 1998, discloses in paragraphs numbered 0019-0022, a 70-150 nanometer silver reflecting layer deposited by sputtering, with titanium and copper among other listed elements added to the silver reflecting layer, alone or in mixtures, in amounts of 0.1 to 5.0 atm%.

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